Medical Facilities to adolescents and elderly persons

1459. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of adolescent and elderly persons in the country as per recent report of the United Nations Populations Fund;

(b) the steps proposed to create more jobs heeded to accommodate young workers to reduce unemployment; and

(c) the measures proposed to provide social security and adequate medical facilities to elderly people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) United Nations Population Fund Publication "The State of World Population — The New Generations" 1998 does not indicate the number of adolescents and elderly persons in India. However in the Report of the Technical Group on Population Projections published by the Registrar General of India in 1996 the number of adolescents (10-19 years) and elderly population (65 years and above) as on Ist March 1998 have been estimated to be 281 million and 42.2 million respectively.

(b) One of the primary objective of the Ninth Plan is to generate greater productive employment in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, subsectors and technologies which are more labour intensive in regions characterised by higher rates of unemployment and under-employment.

(c) In order to provide social security and to improve the quality of life of elderly people various measures including contributory and non-contributory pension, affordable health care services to meet the health needs, affordable shelter etc. are being taken up during the Ninth Five Year Plan.

Vacant posts of Chief Medical Officers

1460. SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA S. DEO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of Chief Medical Officers lying vacant in Ayurvedic, Homoeopathic, Unani and Siddha separately;

(b) the names of doctors who are eligible for the post of Chief Medical Officer and have not got promotion till date; and

(c) by when the above posts are likely to be filled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) 3 posts of Chief Medical Officer (Ayurveda) Deputy Adviser (Ayurveda) and one post of Chief Medical Officer (Homoeo) are vacant.

(b) Promotion to the post of Chief Medical Officer/Deputy Adviser is made on seniority-cum fitness basis subject to availability of vacancies.

(c) Orders promoting two Senior Medical Medical Officers (Ayurveda) to 2 posts of Chief Medical Officer (Ayurveda) and their posting to CGHS Delhi were issued on 3rd December, 1998. Orders for promotion to one post of Deputy Adviser (Ayurveda) in the Deptt. of ISM&H will be issued shortly after obtaining concurrence of Ministry of Finance for its revival. Efforts are being made to convene DPC for considering promotion to one post of CMO (Homoeo) as early as possible.

Action against quacks

1461. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi has 30,000 quacks, in comparison to only 20,000 medical professionals as per report published in the Asian Age dated the